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Subject [TEA-L] June T3 Announcements

Hello everyone,
Here are the announcements regarding T3 this month.

Let me know if I can assist you with anything.

Thanks,
Katie

2011 Survey Results Available

On April 28, 2011 you received an email containing the unique URLs for you to access the results of your participation in the surveys. We hope you have been able to access and utilize those results as you prepare your Evaluation Reports.

Those survey results will be available until July 15, 2011 at which time the Survey Monkey site will be closed and the URLs will expire. Please be sure you have downloaded any data that you need prior to that date. We appreciate your participation in the surveys. We will be using the data collected as we make our reports to the USDOE.

Final Amendments Reminder

It is time to take a critical look at your budgets to ensure all grant funds are spent by September 30, 2011. This is the closing date for Target Tech in Texas (T3) grant. Please submit any amendments in a timely manner to ensure all funds will be spent. ***The last day to submit an amendment to TEA is 90 days before the ending date of the grant, June 30th.*** If you wait until the last date to amend and you want to make equipment purchases, you will need to show there will be significant impact and use of that equipment during the grant period, or the amendment may not be approved. It is not uncommon for these later amendments to be disapproved for this reason. If you do amend, please remember the 25% minimum funding you need to ensure will be spent on professional development.

For speedier processing of amendments:

Fax a signed Schedule 1 – General Information; Schedule 3 – Purpose of Amendment and any other affected program or budget pages to Discretionary Grants at 512-463-9811. Call 512-463-9269 if you have trouble with your fax getting through and you will be given an alternate number to use. Be sure to use strikethroughs for deleted/changed items and underline for new items.

7th Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports

It has been exciting to learn about the progress and impact that the ARRA funding is having on your schools. Thank you for all the links to pictures, videos, lessons, professional development, and success stories, as well as describing your challenges and how TEA can assist you in the future.

Please remember that the 7th Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports are **due on July 10th, 2011**. They can be found attached to this email or on Project Share. Go to the T3 Grant group, then click

Drop boxes, and find the “Progress Report Templates” and “Evaluation Toolkit and Files” drop boxes.

Please submit completed Progress Reports and Evaluation reports to T3@tea.state.tx.us.

Federally required State Evaluation Report coming soon

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to conduct a State Evaluation Report, covering Title II, Part D activities funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In late June 2011, a template will be sent through the listserv asking for important data from each Target Tech in Texas (T3) Collaborative Grant recipient. The template will be very similar to last year's, with the removal of questions that would be unchanged information.

One report per fiscal agent/collaborative will required with the deadline of September 30, 2011. This information will be completed by the program manager working with the external evaluator. The completed data will be compiled into a report by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and sent directly to the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

This report is mandatory and must be completed timely and completely. We really appreciate your help with this important reporting.

Low Draw Downs of ARRA Grant Funds—Important Information

Unexpended ARRA grant funds with a grant end date of September 30, 2011 will lapse in less than 4 months. Through its expenditure reporting (ER) system, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) monitors the rate at which grantees are drawing down their ARRA funds. TEA considers grantees as having low draw downs if they have expended less than 5% of a grant award per month since the NOGA start date. In this second and final year of ARRA funding, it is even more crucial that grantees review their planned use of funds in relation to the grant end date. If your organization has incurred expenditures but has not requested a draw down through ER, please submit those expenditures as soon as possible through ER and plan to regularly submit future expenditures. It is important that TEA and Texas schools publicly demonstrate that ARRA funds are being expended in accordance with congressional intent and applicable cash management guidelines. There will be no extensions for spending the ARRA T3 Grant funding.

ARRA Reporting

Keep up with the latest on ARRA Stimulus funding here:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>. Remember that the uses of the ARRA Title II D funds should focus on reaching the Target Tech level on the Texas Campus and Teacher STaR Charts
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/starchart>.



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